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MEMORANDUM

To: G - Mr. Murphy *my*

Through: S/S *my*

From: EUR - Foy D. Kohler *FDK*

Subject: Berlin Contingency Planning - Identification and Checkpoint Procedures

The Three Embassies at Bonn have submitted for Governmental approval the final text of their recommendations for identification and checkpoint procedures to be followed if the Soviets withdraw from their present functions with respect to Allied access (enclosure to Bonn's despatch No. 1866, Tab C). This text is substantially the same as that you approved on June 17 (see my memorandum of June 13, Tab B). The only change (to be found in paragraphs I. B. 1. b., I. B. 2. b., II. B. 1. c., and II. B. 2. a.) is a refinement of the instructions which train commanders are to follow when a train is not allowed to proceed. If a train has just entered the Soviet Zone, the commander will ask that it be returned to its point of entry; if a train is leaving the Zone or is stopped in the middle of the Zone, the commander will request further instructions from his headquarters by radio.

Recommendations

1. That you sign the attached telegram (Tab A), informing the Embassy at Bonn of State-Defense approval of the recommended procedures. The telegram has been cleared by EUR, L/EUR, and Defense (OSD/ISA).
2. That you authorize us to inform the French and British Embassies of United States Governmental approval of the recommended procedures.

Attachments:

Approve *by* 17 JUN 1959

1. Attached telegram (Tab A).
2. Memorandum of June 13 (Tab B).
3. Enclosure to Bonn's despatch No. 1866 (Tab C).

Disapprove _____

Concurrences:

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